



ABSTRACT AND BIOGRAPHY

Update on Cost and Schedule Reporting

This presentation will briefly summarize the range of cost and schedule reports provided by NASA to Congress and the White House (OMB). Changes in reporting requirements since the 2008 PM Conference are highlighted. These include additional focus on projects in formulation, contract costs, and portfolio assessments.

Linkages between cost and schedule reporting, the budget (PPBE) process, and NASA's processes for program and project management will be illustrated. Included will be a description of how NASA has standardized and streamlined the collection of cost and schedule data into a single quarterly data call, and how this data call is being integrated into the data collected for the Baseline Performance Reviews (BPR) conducted by the Agency Program Management Council.

Participants will be able to 'walk-through' the process of developing baselines for OMB and Congressional reporting and learn how changes in cost or schedule from these baselines are assessed. Projects will also learn what additional analysis and reporting are required if specific cost or schedule thresholds are exceeded, along with strategies for developing these additional reports.

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